

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 13th May 2015 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the first meeting since the parish council election, the elected parish councillors completed Declaration of Acceptance forms.

Councillor Eaves was elected unanimously as the chairman.

Those present;

Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chair] -Miss J Wilkes-Mr R Pitt-Mr W Mason –Mr R Edwards.

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; 5 residents of the parish.

Borough Councillors; Mr R Sutherland-Mr S Leighton.

County Councillor; Mr M Winnington.

01: Chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.35.

02: Apologies; None received

03: Chairman's report

The term of office of the councillors finished prior to the elections on the 7th May. However all 5 councillors submitted applications for a further term of office and were all elected as uncontested candidates to serve on Hyde Lea Parish Council for a further term.

The defibrillator has been sited on the wall of the village hall and is checked weekly by a Bob Edwards parish councillor. When he is not available I will be checking the equipment. I am pleased to report that the equipment has not had to be used.

The trees on the bank on the main road continue to give cause for concern and the Clerk has been requested to again contact the council and request a site meeting and tree report. On 2 occasions recently large branches have fallen and it is only a matter of time before there is an accident/injury unless work is undertaken to remove all unsafe wood.

I would again like to thank the litter pickers who help to keep the village tidy.

The council has worked with local landowners to improve footpath access and improve kissing gates.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their help and support during the year and also Derek Jones the clerk for his due diligence to the post and for keeping us in line with practice and procedure.

Finally I would also thank the County and Borough Councillors for their support

04: Borough Councillors report;

Councillor Sutherland was delighted to be re-elected and was pleased to again attend parish council meetings after his year as mayor.

Councillor Leighton was also pleased to be elected and to meet the parish council, but as he had only been in post for a few days had no further comment to make.

05: County Councillors report;

Councillor Winnington- reported that superfast broadband was gradually being extended throughout the county, 95% of the county will be covered by 2016.

The Greenway cycleway has been completed, now running from Stafford to Newport

The new road alliance with Amey is showing positive results and potholes are gradually reducing.

06: Village hall report;

This year's village festival will be from 3rd to 20th June with the fete on 13th. Repairs to the wall have been completed.

07: Other village issues;

Trees on Hyde Lea bank are an ongoing problem. Councillor Winnington offered to organise a meeting between Highways, Borough & Parish Councillors and other interested parties.

Meeting ended 19.55hrs.